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TOMORROW IS REGISTRATION DAY UNDER NEW DRAFT LAW

Registrars at Local Polling Places from 7 a. m. to 9 p. m.

6,000 EXPECTED TO REGISTER

"Patriots will register—other men." Thus say the posters which have been placed in many conspicuous places in Charleroi, calling the attention of all men subject to the new draft regulations to their duty to register on Thursday, September 12, for military service.

Every local board in Washington county is ready for the big registration which will take place tomorrow. Local enrollment boards have been selected for the various precincts, which will meet at the usual polling places except where otherwise stated, and where they will be on duty from 7 o'clock in the morning until 9 o'clock at night. In the Fifth District of Washington county, which comprises New Eagle borough, Monongahela, Carroll township, Donora, North Charleroi, Fallowfield township and Charleroi, is expected to enroll over 6,000 men between the ages specified.

All men who have not already registered, or who are not already in the military service of the United States who are between the ages of 18 and 45 years inclusive, will report at their several polling places tomorrow for registration. As the registration is expected to be heavy, it is urged that all men included in the draft go to the registration places as early as possible, in order to avoid any congestion in the evening. A number of manufacturing plants have arranged to allow their men to take time off during the day, in order to register, thus preventing any big rush in the evening.

The act of registering is a most simple one and no one need be confused if he reads his card over carefully before making the answers required. The task tomorrow is simply that of enrolling or registering and has nothing whatever to do with exemptions or claims for exemptions. These things come later and will be taken care of in the questionnaires which will be mailed out later to all who register. All that is required tomorrow is to enroll.

These suggestions are offered by the local boards to all who come under the law: Go to your accustomed voting place, there you will find the registrars. They will have all the cards and supplies necessary. They will be able to help you out, if you are in any doubt as to any of the answers you are to make. The registration card has 20 or more blank spaces all of which need not be filled by any one registrant. The information sought on the card is:

- 1—Your full name, as John Henry Jones.
- 2—Permanent home address, as 123 North Main street, Washington County, Pa.

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LOCAL ATHLETE A WINNER AT CAMP MEET

Thomas Jeffries, son of Mrs. Dolly Jeffries in a recent athletic meet at Camp Merritt, won the 100-yard dash, the shot put and the running broad jump, his trophy being a silver loving cup, which he sent home to his mother. A large field had entered in the different events, but Jeffries, who was a former High School athlete, proved his superiority over all of them.

TO DECIDE UPON BUILDING PLAN

Instructions are being framed by the War Industries Board, under which the Pennsylvania Council of National Defense will be asked to recommend for or against non-war building and construction projects throughout the State. The War Board proposes to use the Council as a medium through which may be investigated and decided whether various undertakings are essential or non-essential under present war conditions. When the new plan becomes effective, no application for building materials or commodities employed for repair purposes, where the cost of the work is in excess of \$2500 will be considered by the Board unless previously passed upon and approved by the Pennsylvania Council of National Defense. This means that all persons desiring to undertake building, repair or construction work in excess of \$2500 will be required to apply for the approval of the local Council of Defense before a permit will be granted by the Non-War Construction Section, Priorities Division of the war industries Board. Approval will only be obtainable upon decision that the work is vitally essential.

Work directed by or under contract for Government Departments or Bureaus, or in connection with coal, metal, and ferro-alloy mineral, mines, and Federal authorized highway improvements, are not affected by the new plan. The employment of the Pennsylvania Council of National Defense in the investigation and approval of essential construction work is in line with a recent recommendation of President Wilson.

WILL OCCUPY NEW POST OFFICE IN JANUARY

It will likely be the first of next January before the Monessen postoffice will occupy the new government building now being erected at Seventh street and Donner avenue in that town. The contractors were to have completed the building by July of this year, but so much trouble has been experienced first with material and then with securing labor that an extension of at least six months will be necessary.

Governor Issues A Call for Registration

Governor Brumbaugh on Tuesday issued a proclamation from Harrisburg, calling upon the people of Pennsylvania to facilitate the registration under the draft law in every way, urging that all places where intoxicants are sold shall be closed during the hours of registration on Thursday. The proclamation is as follows:

Whereas, The President of the United States by public proclamation issued August 31 has set aside Thursday, September 12, as registration day for all male citizens between the ages of 18 and 45, inclusive, who are not already registered for military duty, and

Whereas, It is the firm and unchanged purpose of Pennsylvania to support the National will and to give to the country in this cruel crisis all the resources in men and money and materials which a loyal and patriotic Commonwealth has to give, and

Whereas, This war, not of our seeking, must be concluded with honored victory to the cause of the Nation, and this essential issue will be best done if speedily done.

Now, therefore, I, Martin G. Brumbaugh, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby call upon all eligible citizens of this Commonwealth on the defined day to register according to law that the fair record of our loyalty may again be made manifest. I urge all registration officials to give full and capable attention to the duties imposed by law upon them, and request all papers and committees of defense and safety to make known widely the provisions of the act of Congress under which the Provost Marshal General must organize and conduct the registration.

I do further urge and request that all places where intoxicants are sold be closed during the hours of registration.

BAN IS PLACED ON COKE BREEZE

Ban upon coke breeze placed on Monday by the fuel administration to become effective on Monday next, is another step forward in the campaign to insure the quality of coke shipped from the Connellsville region. That view is taken by local operators upon Fuel Administrator Garfield's order which effectively sounds the death knell of a building industry which in the opinion of many well-informed operators has failed to meet the acid test of practical application, although the theory which gave birth to the industry has fostered it as a conservative measure.

Screening of ash dumps for their fuel contents was commenced some months ago when the fuel situation became acute and increased so rapidly that it was recognized some time ago by the fuel administration as a by-product of the coke region by naming a basic price for the screenings. The screenings were used principally for domestic fuel and where the fuel reached the required standards it could command a price of \$7.30 per ton for three-fourths inch prepared coke. From that price it descended to \$3 for ordinary coke breeze.

For some time past an investigation has been under way by the fuel administration to determine the quality of the shipments from the salvaged ash dumps. The result of that investigation is said to have been a revelation to the fuel administration and the order putting an official ban on the industry was the result. A large percentage of the loaded product is said to be refused at destination because of its foreign contents, which was not only unprofitable to the promoters of the industry but which resulted in a loss in labor and transportation facilities.

CHANGE IN LOCATION OF REGISTRATION PLACE

The registrars, of the First Precinct of Charleroi will meet tomorrow in the rooms of the War Chest Fund, on Fifth street, where the registration of all those affected by the draft will take place. Those who are registered will take notice. No registration will take place at the borough hall, the regular polling place, as it is too small. For this reason the registrars arranged to meet in the room of the War Chest Fund.

CHARLEROI BOY REPORTED IN THE CASUALTY LIST

In the casualty list published this morning in the Pittsburgh Dispatch, appears the name of Mansell C. Williams of Charleroi, who is reported killed in action. In the census taken by the canvassers for the War Chest Fund, his mother's name is given as Mrs. Ella Williams, and his home address 512 Eighth street. He was a member of an Infantry Regiment.

LOCAL BOYS CALLED TO NAVAL RESERVES

Edward Gallagher, of Crest avenue, left Saturday morning for Philadelphia, where he reported for service in the Naval Reserves. Word was received Monday morning from him, saying he was on his way to the Great Lakes training station near Chicago. A brother, John received word Monday morning to report on Thursday for duty in the Naval Reserves also and he will go to Pittsburgh for further transportation.

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NEW STEAMER CLAIRTON MAKES MAIDEN VOYAGE ON MONONGAHELA

STRICT ORDERS ARE GIVEN TO BOARDS

Local draft board members were on Monday told by State headquarters that they must not hand out registration certificates to registrants before September 12 and that where men have to register before Monday for any reason the cards are to be mailed on September 10. They are also directed not to hand questionnaires to men when registering and are cautioned against re-registering men who may have matters pending because of age.

NEW SUGAR PRICES ARE ANNOUNCED

The new prices agreed upon by the government and the sugar planters in Cuba and the refiners went into effect September 9. This will mean shortly an advanced price to the consumers, but as all old stocks of sugar in the hands of both wholesalers and retailers must be sold at the old prices there will not be any advance allowable for the next ten days or two weeks, and the retail price of 9 cents for soft sugar and 9 1-2 cents for granulated will still be in effect.

Retailers are advised that the old stocks in hands of wholesalers in this country are ample to cover the period in fact, they should cover the requirements until almost October 1. There may be some retailers compelled to purchase at the new price. They will be permitted to advance the retail price to 10 1-2 cents for soft sugar and 11 cents for granulated. But for the protection of their patrons, the invoices showing they have paid this advance must be posted for the consumers' examination.

The wholesale price for granulated bulk sugar will be \$9 per 100 pounds, plus the freight and 35 cents, making a price of about \$9.62 in the Pittsburgh district.

FORMER MONONGAHELA MAYOR DIES AT MINGO

Lowry Childs Isler, former Mayor of Monongahela, died at his home near Mingo church, Monday evening at 9:30 o'clock, aged 63 years. Mr. Isler was born in Brownsville, August 24, 1855. In 1866 he entered the paper mill of Godfrey & Clark at Elkhorn, where he worked for many years, later coming to Monongahela, where he entered the grocery business. Then he operated the paper mill at Monongahela from which he retired about ten years ago. In 1910 he was elected Mayor of Monongahela, which position he held for seven years. In 1916 he moved to Mingo, where he had built a bungalow and where he spent the last days of his life. Mr. Isler had almost total trade between Pittsburgh and of friends in this section of the valley. The work of the boat will be watched with great interest by all his funeral took place this afternoon.

Built on a New Model With Screw Propellers and Many New Features

IS EXPECTED TO MAKE GOOD

The new steamer Clairton, owned by the Carnegie Steel company, made its first trip up the Monongahela river Tuesday evening on the way to the sixth pool, under command of Capt. A. Ackard having five big steel barges in tow. This new steamer is now regularly entered in the towing trade on the river and her success will be watched with the greatest interest by steamboatmen, who have heretofore been partial to the stern-wheel type of steamer, and which they all along have contended are best suited for the navigation of the shallow streams in the United States.

The Clairton, while not exactly a new model, is an improvement on what is known as the screw propelled steamer. The boat is 175 feet over all, 24 feet beam and 5 1-2 feet deep. It is equipped with triple expansion engines of high and low pressure, turning two propellers, each five feet in diameter. These engines are capable of developing several hundred horsepower with a minimum amount of steam pressure, thus making the boat capable of handling tows of the largest size on the Monongahela.

On the trip up the river Tuesday afternoon Capt. Ackard did not try to make any record for speed, stopping at frequent intervals to make minor adjustments of the machinery, which is all new and which works rather stiff. As soon as the boat is properly "loosened" and all the machinery gets properly set to its bearings, the true worth of the steamer will be made manifest.

There is no question as to the showing power of the boat, as it is ample to take care of any number of barges the steamer may be hitched into; it is what is known as the "ruder power" that will determine largely her success on the Monongahela. If the boat is capable of handling the largest size tow when there is a stiff current in the river the success of the steamer is assured, and her builders are firm in the faith that the Clairton will deliver the goods. If this proves to be the case it is likely that others of her class will be constructed for local service and this will greatly simplify many features of navigation which have heretofore been the cause of considerable trouble to steamboat owners. The Clairton sets low in the water, her cabin not being over ten or twelve feet in height. She is compactly built and is fitted up in the most comfortable manner for the accommodation of the crew. Her commander is a veteran riverman not he held for seven years. In 1916 he moved to Mingo, where he had built a bungalow and where he spent the last days of his life. Mr. Isler had almost total trade between Pittsburgh and of friends in this section of the valley. The work of the boat will be watched with great interest by all his funeral took place this afternoon.

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